

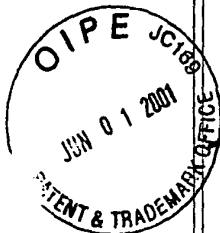
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In re application of:

Sergey A. Selifonov, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/618,579

Filed: July 18, 2000

For: Methods for Making Character
Strings, Polynucleotides and Polypeptides
Having Desired Characteristics

Examiner: Zhou, S

Art Unit: 1631

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 and
§ 1.98

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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the
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